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PARENTS ATTEND SCHOOL TO CONFER WITH FACULTY

By Leonora Rubin

Parents desiring to discuss their children's progress, had the opportunity to do so on Monday afternoon, November 10, and Thursday evening, November 13, when Madison, along with schools all over the country, conducted Open School Week.

An altered bell schedule was adopted on both these days in order to allow time for the parent interviews. On Monday, parents met with the AM session teachers between the hours of twelve noon and two o'clock, while PM session teachers spoke with them from two o'clock until four.

Teachers of freshman students in the Annex were in the basement lunchroom of the main building and

conducted their interviews from twelve until two o'clock. Parents of Sheepshead Bay High School students also had the opportunity to speak with their school's faculty, between three and five, in their classrooms on the fourth floor. The interviewing on Thursday evening was done from seven-thirty until nine o'clock.

The procedure for both days was the same. Each teacher was assigned either to a classroom, the library, or one of the cafeterias. Here they met with parents to impart information about their children's progress. Assisting the teachers and acting as hosts were the members of Junior and Senior Arista and the Service League.

The parent-teacher discussions were generally kept short, between three and five minutes, because of the large number of parents who came to school.

26 Million Visit Schools

Open School Week is a part of the thirty-eighth annual observance of American Education Week. It is estimated that 26,000,000 parents visited schools throughout the country during Open School Week, to acquaint themselves with the teachers, and generally to obtain information about the quality of education in their communities.

Custodian Announces Modernization Plans

Renovations will begin in Madison in the near future that will fill the needs of an expanding student body.

In the 1920's, when Madison was new, there was no overcrowding, and all facilities were up-to-date. Today, however, there are areas in the school which are in need of desperate modernization.

With the recent popularity of science courses, all such classes are filled, and several are overcrowded.

When renovated, the north wing of the fifth floor will be devoted to chemistry and physics. It will contain a chemistry laboratory, physics laboratory and four completely equipped demonstration rooms. On the third floor, there will be an equally fine arrangement for the biology department. Besides the laboratories and demonstration rooms, there will be a special room set aside for student biology projects.

New Lighting System

A new lighting and public address system will be installed throughout Madison. Also new stage and ceiling lights, additional sound facilities in the auditorium, and new corridor and classroom lighting equipment will be installed.

The work shops will be situated on the fifth floor in the present location of the cafeteria. The former shops will become a music suite, having practice rooms for the two choruses, the orchestra, and the band.

All dining areas will be situated in the present basement lunchroom, which will be equipped with a modern cafeteria, kitchen, and teachers' lunchroom. This will eliminate the need for two such lunchrooms. At the present time, Madison students eat in the overcrowded fifth floor cafeteria.

Mr. Melomo is Madison's custodian.

Juniors Witness Integration Talk

On Friday, October 31, six students under the guidance of Mr. Lieber, chairman of the history department, presented a program on integration for the junior assemblies.

It is four years since the Supreme Court made its now historic decision to integrate all public schools. During that time, there has been much discussion on the issue. While certain elements in the South have tried to prevent integration, the Supreme Court has held its ground.

The first report defined and discussed the importance of complete integration. This was stated as an integration that went beyond schooling, transportation, and housing. "Complete" integration in attitude is required. It was emphasized that not until "complete" integration is carried out will we truly end racial problems.

The group discussed whether political goals would affect the executing of the Supreme Court decision. The question of states' rights and the desire for individual sovereignty, was also scrutinized.

The students spoke about another aspect of the enigma in the South; the economic implication of integration. It was asserted that although integration would have a harmful effect on white southern labor, taxes would increase with a generally improved standard of living for the Negro.

The chairman of the group discussion was Carol Hanan. The other members of the panel were Gail Jeby, Robert Kaufman, Robert Marcus, Richard Needleman, and Norman Strauss.

Honor Students Form New Spanish Society

Temporary plans have been established for the formation of a Spanish Honor Society in Madison. The Spanish Department, under the direction of Miss Anita Ligorio, hopes that the club will attain its goal of being accepted as a chartered member of the National Honor Society.

Marcy Hamilton and Ann Posnansky are the student leaders of the Honor Society. Their faculty adviser is Mr. Arthur Kirsch. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth term students who have attained an over-all average of 90% in Spanish are eligible for membership.

The leaders are planning various activities, which include visiting Spanish restaurants and museums.

Coaching Course Begun

Another feature of the club is its coaching course which is already underway. Students who would like tutoring in Spanish or wish to tutor during school hours may come to the Spanish office, room 262, during periods two through nine, with the exception of periods four and seven.

All students who are interested in joining the Society should contact Mr. Kirsch for further information.

There is also a possibility that a Linguists Club may be established in the near future. The club would be open to students who are either taking two languages, or four years of one language.

Seniors "Blast Off" To Victory In Sing As Show Marks End Of Its First Decade



SCENES FROM SING: Upper Left: Juniors attempt to locate a workshop in Madison in order to help Santa Claus finish the manufacturing of toys in time for Christmas. Upper Center: Commissioners of Sing Bob Rockfeld and Lois Beder. Upper Right: Sophs build their haven on Madison's roof after Madison is "thrown off" Kings Highway. Bottom Left: Junior, Alan Lazar as Santa Claus, appeals to Junior Class for aid. Bottom Center: Seniors land on Moon (note rocket ship at right) with the intention of establishing a student exchange program with Moon men. Bottom Right: Soph, Arthur Michaelson, portrays a Madison biology teacher whose pigeons lose their home.

Traditional Sing Celebration Ball Features Class Songs and Bands

On Saturday night, November 15, the Seniors, winners of the Sing, played host to the other participants at the Sing Celebration Ball. Felt notes, inscribed with "Sing—1958," were distributed to all Seniors who had taken part in the Sing program as a remembrance of their victory.

A major feature of the Sing Celebration Ball was the rendition of the song and dance highlights of the three performances. Entertainment was also provided by the grade bands. Paul Shafiroff led the Senior band, Jerry Friedman the Junior band, and Roger Shenken, the Sophomores' musical group.

The selling of tickets was supervised, and decorations were arranged by the Cabinet and the Social Affairs Committee. Arthur Fried, Kenny Glassberg, Rona Greene and Iris Levine head the Commissions. The Commissioners of Publicity, Carol Gottlieb, Carol Hechtman, Emily Numeroff, Judith Rothgart, and Dave Sillen directed the distribution of signs, and the selling of refreshments. The Sing Celebration Ball was held under the guidance of Miss Taleisnik, adviser of the SGO. The Sing Ball represents the climax to Sing activities. This dance commemorated the close of ten successful years of Sing at Madison.

Mirror Youth Forum Chooses Participants

The New York Mirror Youth Forum, which will take place on December 6, 1958 at the Hotel Astor, will discuss and resolve current problems.

There are thirty-three panel leaders taking part in the discussions. They were chosen from among two hundred applicants on the basis of extemporaneous speeches and written papers, which were previously delivered during practice sessions.

Student Representatives

Madison will be represented by Phyllis Kane, who was selected as a panel leader, and Carol Cohen, Robert Front, Marcy Hamilton, Myron Kalin and Jeff Sussman. Mr. Wheeler, Chairman of the Social Studies Department at Martin Van Buren High School, is in charge of organizing the Forum.

Delegates To Council Discuss Vital Topics

On Tuesday, October 28, Madison played host to representatives of the Brooklyn Borough Council. There were an estimated fifty-five delegates from most Brooklyn high schools. After these representatives were escorted through the building, they were served refreshments, and then began their meeting.

The Brooklyn Borough Council is a body made up of representatives from the various high schools of our borough. Its aim is to give member schools an opportunity to exchange ideas for the purpose of obtaining benefits for the student bodies of all schools. At the most recent meeting, many problems relating to school life were brought to the attention of the Council. Among these was a petition to Mayor Wagner asking for an ice skating rink in Brooklyn. The group also seeks an inter-school dance to be held at some centrally located school, and the possibility of obtaining movie discounts for a greater number of theaters. Also at this meeting, awards were granted to Abraham Lincoln High School and George W. Westinghouse High School, for executing good civic efforts. Madison plans to submit as its "good deed," the adoption of Korean War orphans, which has already been made possible by the contributions of Madison students.

Madisonians are quite active in the operations of the Council.

Music Department Dedicates Concert

The faculty, student body, and the PTA, deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Mr. Avner Mendelsohn, have decided to honor his memory by dedicating the music department's annual winter concert to the late Math Team adviser.

The Avner Mendelsohn Memorial Concert will be held on Friday evening, January 9, 1959. The proceeds from the Memorial Concert will comprise most of the money which will be set up as a scholarship fund for the deceased's two children. All Madison students and especially those who came in contact with Mr. Mendelsohn, are urged to buy tickets.

Funds Raised

At present a collection is being made by mathematics teachers and math office students. All funds will be given to Mrs. Mendelsohn and her two children as a token of gratitude for the inspiring and splendid work Mr. Mendelsohn did at Madison.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COLLEGES LECTURE ON CURRICULA, CAREERS

This semester as in the past, college conferences have been conducted through the co-operation of the College Office. Representatives from various colleges talked to students about their schools. The conferences are open to all students who are interested.

Some of the colleges represented are: The Academy of Aeronautics, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, State Teachers College at Oswego, and College on Long Island at Oyster Bay.

Mr. Drusys, of the Academy of Aeronautics, discussed his school with students who are interested in aeronautical technology. He emphasized the fact that students who have done well in mathematics will be best suited for the school.

Mr. Smith, of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, stated that science and mathematics are the most important criteria, but a good English mark is

Class Of '59 Unites Earth With Moon In "One World"

By Robert Goldenberg

On the evenings of November 7, 8, and 10, a total of about 3000 spectators gathered in the Madison auditorium to see the Senior class win Madison's Tenth Annual Sing.

The winning Seniors' theme was "One World," concerning an attempt to set up a student exchange program with the Moon. The highlight of the Senior Sing was the blasting off of a rocket ship from the Moon. The Juniors' theme was "Junior Toys Inc.," which was highlighted by a reindeer dance and animated toy dolls and soldiers. The Sophomores were building a "Madison Haven" up on our roof. Arthur Michaelson, portraying a Madison biology teacher, was the outstanding performer in the Sophomore Sing.

The faculty advisers this year were Mr. Joseph DaVolio—Seniors, Mr. William Jacobson—Juniors, and Mrs. Mildred Glaberman—Sophomores. The student Sing Leaders, Chorus Leaders and Secretaries for the three grades (in the same order) were Ronnie R. Margolis, Terry Wolfe, and Sylvia Topf; Jerry Friedman, Bonnie Zane, and Linda Katz; and Theo Rothstein, Sue Ellen Klein, and Ellen Unger. The leaders of the Freshman choruses were Deena Ressler, Doris Bernstein, and Myra Greene. The Commissioners of Sing were Bob Rockfeld and Lois Beder; the faculty adviser to Sing was Mr. Laurence Posner.

Panel of Judges

This year the panel of judges consisted of Mr. Chester Fulmer, Mr. Martin Rosoff, Miss Elizabeth E. Horne, Mr. George Kapp, Mr. Simon Levine, Mrs. Mabel Mesler, Mrs. Rose Nurenberg, Miss Julia Puterman, Mr. David Rattner, Mrs. Rose Stein, and Miss Deborah Tannenbaum. All these judges are members of Madison's faculty.

Sing consists of a playlet, with original dialogue and lyrics but based upon popular songs, presented by the Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. These are then evaluated independently by a panel of judges, and the winner is announced.

About 250 students participated this year in each of the three presentations. All were preceded by a Freshman chorus. In addition, an-

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A letter of thanks to James Madison High School students, from Mrs. Avner Mendelsohn, is reprinted below. The letter was sent to the school in care of the HIGHWAY.

To the students of James Madison High School:

Dear Friends,

You have all reacted to my tragic loss in such a beautiful and heart-warming manner, that I have chosen this means of thanking all of you for your genuine sympathy and for your great efforts in setting up a suitable memorial to my husband. These efforts are unique, I know, and have moved me deeply.

Countless letters from students and alumni have told me of the great devotion you had for my husband and for the lasting influence you feel he had on you. Your affection is so genuine, because you felt instinctively and accurately that it was mutual. Next to his own family, you and your welfare meant more to him than anything else. At a time like this there is little that can console me. But the knowledge that he will live on as a guiding influence, not only in his own children, but in so many of his students, means more to me than I can say. It is the greatest reward a teacher can have.

A deep love of life and for the beautiful things in it; a genuine desire to understand your fellow human beings; and an unceasing search for honesty and truth are what my husband stood for; they are his heritage. You have recognized this; therefore his life, though all too short, was not wasted. That is a consolation and for this I thank you.

Mrs. Avner Mendelsohn

A Labor of Love

The HIGHWAY would like to congratulate Mr. Saul Bloch on the great job he did in his organization of the combined lunchrooms. Our article on this topic, at the right, is a humorous travesty based on a serious situation. We hope that our art will entertain, we are sure that Mr. Bloch's efforts will be a permanent monument to his hard work.

A Day of Thanks

The HIGHWAY extends its best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving to the faculty and student body of Madison.

Trophy Case Exhibits School's Past Glories



Photo by Steve Campus

LAURELS ON PARADE: Reflections of Madison's scholastic and athletic awards in second floor trophy case.

Over the years we have amassed an imposing collection of awards, trophies, and citations in all fields of extra-curricula activity. The school's showcase on the second floor proudly displays our achievements.

The showcase itself is close to eight feet high, and has glass shelves and a mirrored back. The upper two shelves are devoted to a display of trophies and plaques, while the bottom shelf contains gold basketballs and footballs as indications of successful seasons.

Athletic Awards

Viewing the awards given to us in athletics, Madison students should be quite proud. One trophy was given to Madison in nineteen twenty-six, when we had a champion handball team. Near it in the case is one of the more beautiful cups — P.S.A.L. Champions, nineteen twenty-seven. In nineteen twenty-nine we were again champions in handball. Also in this year we won the "Yale Sprint Relay Trophy," the smallest trophy in our case. More recently, in nineteen forty-eight, Madison won a large trophy for placing second in the Bowling League. In nineteen fifty-six we won the "Flatbush Track Champion" trophy, and a large cup marks our tennis accomplishment. A

wooden and brass plaque engraved "Class of Nineteen Fifty-six — Gamerama" commemorates this once-popular intra-school activity. Last year our basketball team took third place in the city. We received for this accomplishment a trophy in bronze, of a player poised for a shot. A large, ornate cup also appears in the showcase — the William Randolph Hearst Award to our football team.

Our school publications have also received many honors. The "Columbia Scholastic Press Association" has awarded the HIGHWAY many first place awards. The Radio Workshop has also won awards for broadcasts on radio station WNYE and WNYC, in nineteen forty-seven and nineteen forty-eight. The Math Team has won several awards in inter-school competition.

Pride in School's Past

It may be surprising that although the showcase contains so many mementoes of our school's attainments, apparently few people take notice of it. Though the footballs are deflated and the cups are tarnished, Madisonians should nevertheless take pride in our school's past.

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"A PILLAR OF SCHOOL SPIRIT"

By Rosalie Wellman

In this world of specialization, it is only a rare person who can live a truly well-rounded life. On the educational level, this type of person is exemplified by the student or faculty member who endeavors to be active in every phase of school life. Such is Mr. Joseph DaVolio, a teach-

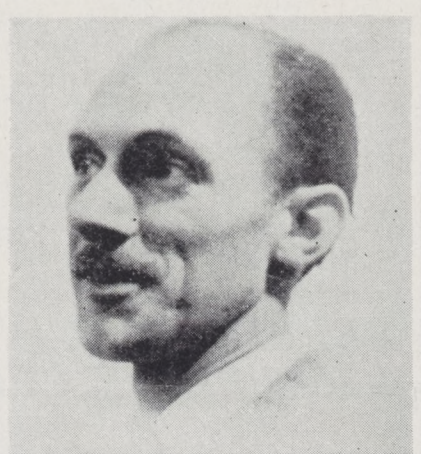


Photo by George Silverman

Mr. Joseph DaVolio

er in Madison's Commercial Department. In addition to teaching retailing and merchandising to many of our commercial students, Mr. DaVolio is faculty adviser to the Service League, Go-Getters and Senior Sing.

Model For Imitation

He has proved himself a most understanding and wonderful teacher, adviser and friend to the student body of Madison. He has often expressed his great fondness for us, a feeling which is mutually evident by the fact that we have called upon him to act as adviser to Sing during every one of his three years at Madison. His popularity may be attributed in a great measure to his ideas about the responsibilities of students and teachers to each other. He be-



Do you have a biography of someone who died young? My book report is due tomorrow.

Biology Experiment Gives Sophs Momentary Victory Re: Pigeons

Attention, please Attention all Madisonians! The HIGHWAY announces with pleasure that the roof of the school is available at last for construction of a haven for all those unfortunate souls who have been chased off Kings Highway by one "Officer Morsky."

It seems that although the Sophomores did not win the battle of Sing itself, they did manage to get some rather troublesome pigeons out of the way. Everyone seems to be quite happy about the situation, except a rather distracted-looking little man in a red jacket, who has been seen jumping and cavorting in a fit of rage, with a war-cry on his lips.

The little man is referring to none other than Alfred and Melvin, two victims of the malicious scientific experiments of Mrs. Capson's biology classes. They have been evicted from their peaceful, friendly home on the roof of Madison, on the pretext of being used "in the interest of science." Melvin has been infected with the dread disease, "beri-beri." He has risked his life to prove to Mrs. Capson's students the dangers of an unbalanced diet.

Hazard to Jets

The Civil Aeronautics Authority and the A.S.P.C.A. have given Madisonians fair notice, however, that their haven must be built, enjoyed and demolished within the short space of three months, since Melvin will soon be on the road to recovery. His rightful home will then have to be restored, lest his wanderings prove a hazard to the new commercial jets.

Therefore, we must say: Sophomores, enjoy the sweet taste of victory while you may! Percy Smith and a group of insidious, humane biology students will catch up with you in the end!!

CHAIRMAN GIVES TIME TO COUNTRY

Few Madisonians realize how wide and varied are the interests and occupations of members of the faculty.

As a member of the United States Air Force Reserve, Mr. Emanuel Knobloch, chairman of Madison's Speech-English Department, has combined an interest in aviation, with services to his country. For sixteen years Mr. Knobloch has been a member of the armed forces.

Reserve Training

For one Saturday each month, and for two weeks during each summer, Mr. Knobloch trains with the reserves. Last summer, he was stationed at Olmstead Air Force Base in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There, as a captain, he supervised the maintenance and supplying of equipment to Air Force jets. He believes that the average layman does not realize that, "It takes hundreds of men to keep one pilot up in the air, and therefore more men who are not serving active duty should volunteer for the reserves."

He has observed with regret that school spirit in Madison is not all it should be. In his opinion, "Our school bears the name of a great man, and all Madisonians should be aware of their responsibility in living up to the great ideals that he represented." Mr. DaVolio's out-of-school activities include athletics and traveling. He names swimming as his favorite sport, but enjoys nearly every other athletic activity.

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Thus, we find in Mr. DaVolio the type of well-rounded and personable teacher so important in our American schools.

AS I SEE IT..

By Robert E. Front

The wild cheers which followed the announcement of the Sing winners, seems only a dream. Many moons have passed since then and students have begun to catch up on the school work which they sometimes neglected in order to attend "an important meeting." Normalcy has returned.

Very often students, teachers, or parents deprecate the underlying values of a Sing production. Therefore, an understanding of the true spirit of Sing must annually be reaffirmed. First, it is solely the students who create and direct the presentation. It is their tireless spirit which serves as a nucleus for the production. No Broadway show ever produced can exhibit such exuberance on the part of its performers. Madison's Sing, although not professional, makes up what it lacks in polish, with spirit. This is only the physical aspect of the show. Sing, in addition, enables adjustment and maturity. It gives boys and girls an opportunity to make new acquaintances and to strengthen their social poise.

The creative effort in backdrop, choreography and script writing enables talented pupils to show their ability in a non-scholastic atmosphere. There are no grades given to scripts or dances. The Sing leaders give much time and energy, with their only reward being the presentation of a fine show. Although everyone desires to win, the actual class winners are soon forgotten and only the memory of the themes and scripts remain.

Those who have never participated in Sing are unable to find any meaning behind those benefits which Madison's Sing or any Sing afford.

THE REVIEWING STAND



"South Pacific" at Rivoli

It is a shame that Hollywood loves to tamper with great stage productions. The frills and so-called "touching ups" done by the film studios can almost spoil a stage hit. The hand of the Hollywood moguls is clearly visible in the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific." By the use of color filters, song dubbing, and over-long scenes, they did their best to cover the gold in "Pacific," but the glow of the stage version still outshines the imperfections of the film.

The plot is based on two of James Michener's stories, namely "Our Heroine" — about a Navy nurse who falls in love with a French planter — and "Fo' Dolla" — about a Marine Lieutenant to whom a Polynesian woman presents her daughter.

The film makers threw an obnoxious and distracting set of color filters around the principal actors, when they sang. The halos of diffuse light were quite out of context with the production. Rossano Brazzi, playing a French plantation owner, and Mitzi Gaynor, playing a Navy nurse, appeared to turn green during a love duet. The classic song, "Some Enchanted Evening," was marked by Brazzi and Gaynor turning a lovely shade of yellow. Could their love have sickened them that much?

This film had everything pulling for it. Tremendous stage success, lavish production, and Joshua Logan's direction still failed to "click out a hit." The show's original punch was weakened by poor color techniques, voice dubbing and a "seat-squirming" running length. Why must a piece of stage history end up as a "minor piece?"

Seniors Capture Sing With 'United Efforts'

By Nancy Scribner

THE Freshman class though very small was not absent from Sing at all. They introduced the three classes, receiving fine preparation. For next year, when they would put on their own presentation!

THE Sophs found "a roof haven" easy to boost, But the pigeons believed that it was THEIR roost.

Then Percy "the pigeon loving pedagogue," entered the show, Now off Madison's roof, Sophomores or pigeons must go.

All was in despair; the Sophs were distraught,

Those DP's (displaced pigeons) would ruin what they sought.

But a student stepped forth and willingly gave

His home to the pigeons, the Sophomores were saved!

SANTA relied on the Juniors' generosity, Because his elves quit in a fit of animosity.

So, the Juniors went into the toy-making field,

Hoping that a workshop, Madison High would yield.

The Juniors were willing, they'd make all the toys,

So Santa wouldn't disappoint all the girls and boys.

The idea for a workshop on the stage was evolved,

And that is how the Junior problem was solved!

TO bring back a moon student that they sought,

The Seniors found harder than they had thought.

So to make two worlds one, the Seniors endeavored,

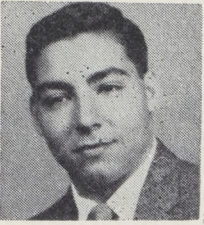
Though interplanetary relations the moon king had severed.

After efforts to make the two worlds unite,

The moon king conceded, the Seniors were right.

So back to Earth a moon student they bring,

And the Seniors are the victors in the '58 Sing!



MARTIN'S MEMO

by Eddie Martin

"Can the Mosketees withstand the loss of last season's top scorers and still field a winning contingent?" This is a thought that is in the mind of many a loyal Madison roofer.

At James Madison High School, a winning basketball team that is always a contender for the numerous Division, Borough, and City Championships, is a tradition. It is a tradition that began thirty-three years ago when Mr. Jammy Moskovitz took over the reins as coach of Madison's "Big Five." Before we analyze Madison's basketball team position by position, we must take into account that when our team is sent out onto the hardwood it has had the benefit and privilege of being taught by one of the most outstanding coaches in the profession, which is an advantage within itself.

There is no doubt that Bobby Lynn's proficiency as an outside set shooter will be missed at Madison. This is one weak spot in our team's offensive. We do not have a consistent outside set shooter who can draw the defensive men out, in order to leave the middle open for the center or for driving layups. However, what we lack in one place we are able to make up in another. Two men, Bill Galantai and Harvey Herer, are returning to the squad this season, both of whom started on last year's team. In addition to them there is Joel Derketsch, who was a frequent substitute.

Captain, center and All-City candidate Billy Galantai is looked for to make up the slack in our offensive unit. On last year's team he was our starting center, and although he was out for much of the season due to injuries he was able to average over thirteen points per game. His strong outside jump-shot kept the middle lane wide open for Ronnie Miller's sensational drives and his extraordinary rebounding ability (being 6'6") enabled the Mosketees' offensive machine to function to its fullest.

The star defensive ballplayer on the squad is Harvey Herer, who was also one of the starting five on last year's Division I champs. Although Harvey is not a high scorer, his expert ball handling and fine defensive play should spark the team to many victories. Joel Derketsch played frequently last season and he seems to have improved his shooting eye, as he scored seventeen points in an exhibition game against Jefferson. Last season his being overweight posed quite a problem. The coach obviously aware of this played him for short periods only. We cannot recall, where at any time, Joel did more than play a few moments to spell one of the starting five. However, between seasons "big" Joel has trimmed down considerably and with his increased speed and agility, is likely to be a more valuable asset to the team. The loss of Ronnie Miller seemed to be insurmountable problem to the squad but Gary Notice seems to be filling his shoes quite ably. He is a deadly jump-shot artist in addition to having an all around steady game.

Recently a former Madison basketball star, Leon Gecker, who by the way was chosen All-City forward two years ago by the New York Daily News and the New York Post, has worked out with the team and he has said that this year's team is a better all around ball club than the team he had played on. Incidentally, when Leon Gecker played for Madison the Mosketees were third in the city, losing only to Boys High in the semifinals of the PSAL playoffs.

With the Mosketees' recent victory over an improved Eastern District team, we are able to predict that our team is going to be one of the best in the history of Madison.

Madison's J.V. Football Squad Instills Hope for Grid Victory

Amid the multitude of dreary disappointments produced by the Varsity Footballers' poor showings, a small but still penetratingly shining light emanates from the gridiron. This glow has been produced by the impressive performances of the varsity's young counterparts, the J.V.

With the dearth of football talent obvious in the varsity ranks, the Madison roofer is provided with some satisfaction as he beholds the large scores our Junior Varsity has run up in previous encounters.

"We beat Midwood!! We trounced them 38-0." These jubilant cries echo through the hallways and rebound from the proud tongues of faithful Madison partisans.

"Surely it must have been in basketball, not on the gridiron," wonder the incredulous. But it was the football team that submerged their Midwood opponents under a powerful scoring wave. However, the beautiful bubble is burst when the still dubious ask, "Which football team?"

Alas, the truth cannot be withheld and we are forced to answer that the J.V. and not the varsity are the perpetrators of these magnificent deeds.

"But," continues the faithful grid fan, "these are the boys who will be next year's starters." The J.V. boasts many stalwarts in both the offensive and defensive categories.

J.V. Provides Hope

The Murthamen have afforded us no opportunity for joy and cheering, and so we welcome with open arms our J.V.'s victorious season. The youngsters have provided a ray of hope that a football victory may once more grace the Madison scoreboard and for this, every despondent Highwayman partisan thanks them.



Captain Bill Galantai

Intramural News

The present intramural boys' basketball season began with a double-header rivaling any that Madison Square Garden could possibly produce.

The opener featured a game between the Angels and the Hawks of the school's private league. The Angels, led by Carl Childs, Jerry Kurtzman, Dave Segal and Gary Katz with 12, 8, 8, and 5 points respectively, threw up a zone defense which completely stymied their opponent's offensive and came out with a 33-22 victory. John Hytewitz and Larry Rand also contributed fine performances in the winning effort.

The nightcap was, in comparison to the first contest, a high and free scoring game. The Aces and the Cats stayed within a basket of each other for three quarters. However, the Cats couldn't maintain the grueling pace and the Aces broke the game wide open in the final period and came out on top of a 59-45 score.

Karen, Dave and Gary

Mosketees Outclass Eastern In Court Opener; Victory Eludes Footballers As Ref Recalls T.D.

Grover's Passes Lead Team To Paydirt

By Dave Segal

How does a drowning person feel when he manages to make his way to a floating ship only to lose his grasp and be lost forever? How does the condemned criminal feel when he sees the governor's messenger, bearing his pardon, enter through the prison gate, as the rope tightens around his neck? How does the man perched on a ledge of a building, threatening suicide, when finally persuaded to re-enter the window to safety feel when his first step misses the mark and he finds himself plunging toward oblivion?

Touchdown Called Back

If you consider these instances to be among the heights of frustration, try to imagine the horrible feeling experienced by the Madison coaching staff when the game tying touchdown was called back because the referee claimed that our ballcarrier had stepped out of bounds.

The score at that time stood at fourteen to eight in favor of Tilden. The Blue and White's first touchdown came in the second period when Feeny capped a sustained march with a four yard plunge to paydirt. Again Tilden tallied from the four with Boxer toting the pigskin.

The Murthamen finally came to life. Operating predominantly from a "T" formation, Stan Grover's passes led the way. Marino plucked a Grover toss out of the air in the end-zone and Vlahakas did likewise to register eight Madison points.

Then came that play!! The Black and Gold had the game won when the referee called the play back. The rest of the game was a spiritless affair, with Tilden's Acker galloping all the way with an intercepted pass to end the scoring at 22-8, but who could blame the Murthamen?

Curtain Going Up On '58-'59 Mosketees

On the fourteenth of November the curtain rose on the first performance of the Madison basketball team. They made their 1958-59 debut against Eastern District High School. One, sitting in the balcony, might have found recognizing the players very difficult. During the performances, let us look at the playbill. Names like Seiler, Derketsch, Baken and Reich may be new to you. Before the next showing takes place, let's call the headlines out for a preliminary curtain call.

Hoop Playbill

BILLY GALANTAI — Center — His 6'6" stature gives him the added height needed to clear both the offensive and defensive boards. He has an outstanding shooting eye and strong rebounding ability. This year the big man should top last year's 236 point season total and 13.9 scoring average. Billy is a likely candidate for All-City honors.

HARVEY HERER — Guard — 6'1". Starting his second year of varsity ball, Harvey will be a vital cog in Madison's basketball prospects. As the key defensive man on the team, he adds color and spirit to the play.

GARY NOTICE — Guard — 5'11". We expect to be seeing Gary demonstrating his driving layup this year, his best shot, and also his outside jump-shot is expected to chalk up many points for the Mosketees.

JOEL DERKETSCH — Forward — 6'4". Joel made a great showing at Madison's scrimmages (dress rehearsals) and because of his improved shooting Mr. Moskovitz is looking towards him as a potential big scorer.

CHUCK BAKEN — Back Court — 5'11". Chuck will be the fifth man in the starting lineup this season. He is a good ball handler and a steady team man.

The buzzer has sounded again. Seats everyone — the curtain is going up!

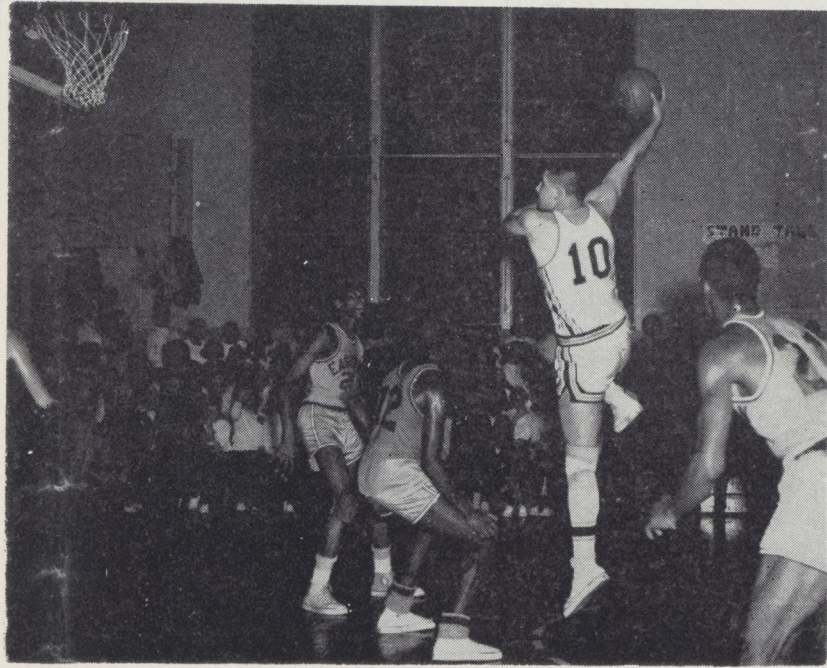


Photo by Steve Campus

DEADLY . . . "Big" Bill Galantai towers above the baffled Eastern District defenders as he goes up for one of his many accurate hook shots to pad his 26 point performance.

Jefferson Trounces Murthamen Before Empty Cheering Sections

By Larry Rand

The Madison footballers returned to the gridiron after a three week layoff, but neither three weeks nor three years could help the Highwaymen snap their 20 game losing streak. The villains of this ignominious defeat were the Orange and Blue from Jefferson, who massacred the Murthamen before a sparsely filled grandstand almost devoid of Madison rooters. It seemed as if the late arrivals, the Cheerleaders, covered more yardage than the Highwaymen that afternoon.

Soccermen Conclude Fruitful Initial Year

An amazing transformation, rivaling Cinderella's pumpkin changing into a royal carriage in its unbelievable characteristics, has occurred to Madison's newest standard bearers, the soccer team. Originally rated as a weak squad, due to the lack of experience in the sport, the team has been changed like the pumpkin, into something wondrous — a solid unit with a major scoring punch and a strong defense.

Whose magic wand was waved over the team, no one knows, but the effects have led the Finomen to victories over East New York and Brooklyn Automotive by the scores of 2-1, and 3-1, respectively. Our wand waver must have been working overtime as the Booters eeked out a 1-1 tie with Wingate as Mickey Greenberg deadlocked the score.

No one rated the team as capable of winning at all, but the Kickers have made those who spoke this way, retract their statements. Mickey Greenberg leads the scoring with four goals and Ira Berlin follows closely with three. Due to the improved playing of goalie Stan Goldberg, the defense has tightened up considerably, giving the offense a chance to operate to its fullest capacity. As long as the soccer team keeps rolling along, we sincerely hope that the clock doesn't strike twelve.

Coursters Continue Annual Encounter With Boys High

With the blessed end of Midterms realized and the wonderful Thanksgiving weekend ahead, what better way to celebrate your elation than by attending the thrilling traditional hoop rivalry between our Mosketees and the Fisherman of Boys High?

Both teams consistently field strong contingents with the imprint of championship caliber strongly visible. This contest also brings together two of the best basketball coaches in the city, Jammy Moskovitz and Mickey Fisher.

Thrilling Game Predicted

Last year's Boys game at Madison was just an indication of the type of contest usually provided. The Mosketees, under the inspiration of their frenzied cheering section, rallied from a first quarter deficit to overtake their opponents in the final seconds and win by the heart stopping score of 55-53.

Bill Galantai Dominates Scoring With 26

By Dave Segal

Just as a new born colt takes his first uncertain steps, falters, falls, struggles to rise and finally begins to walk, so did the newest bearers of the Mosketee heritage seem shaky at first but righted themselves and ran powerfully away from an outclassed Eastern District five, 68-52.

In the opening minutes of the game it seemed as if the loss of Miller, Lynn and Ryan was too much to bear as the Mosketees played sloppy basketball, throwing the ball away and taking bad shots. Although they were never really behind by much, the Hoopsters did not seem to work as a unit. The individual shooting of Billy Galantai and Chuck Baken kept the team out in front by a 15-9 score at the end of the first period.

The second quarter showed the Mosketees begin to come to life as they displayed some snappy passes, good shots, and clever dribbling against the Eastern press. However, despite the Madisonians' fine offensive play, their zone defense was repeatedly cracked by Eastern's Dunson who kept them close at half time, 32-26.

It was the third stanza when the Mosketees reached full stride and began to run away from their opponents. Accurate shooting by Billy Galantai, Harvey Herer, Chuck Baken and Gary Notice, and repeatedly successful fast breaks led by Baken and Notice, made possible by rebounding of Galantai and Derketsch, sent the Highwaymen to a 51-38 lead, where they were never caught.

Team Functions As Unit

The team worked well as a unit with Baken and Notice directing them in the backcourt, Galantai and Derketsch doing the bulk of the rebounding and Herer with his driving and shooting from inside. Galantai wound up the game's leading scorer with 26 points. Herer's 15, Baken's 10 and Notice's 9 helped lead the Mosketees to their first victory of the season and hearten their rooters with an excellent brand of basketball at its finest.

MADISON (68)				EASTERN (52)			
Herer	FG	FT	T	Berkowitz	FG	FT	T
Notice	4	7	15	Mendez	0	4	4
Galantai	3	3	9	Dunson	5	6	16
Baken	10	6	26	Rice	5	4	14
Derketsch	4	2	10	Rice	0	8	8
Mallis	1	0	2	Arlington	2	0	4
Weitsen	2	0	4	Sinclair	2	0	4
Seller	1	0	2	Sampson	1	0	2
Reich	0	0	0				
Totals	25	18	68	Totals	15	22	52

HARRIERS TAKE "FLATBUSH CHAMPS" BY DEFEATING LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

On November 11, under a sunny sky and over the hilly terrain of the tough Van Cortlandt Park, Madison's cross-country squad captured first place in the annual "Flatbush Champs Meet." This fine culmination to a very successful season was accom-

Danny Jelinski and Bernie Sanders finished one-two. Almost directly behind them were Lou Howort and Jeff Seide who finished fourth and sixth respectively and Phil Howort who rounded out the scorers by finishing twentieth. The other varsity members running at the meet were Jerry Leitman and Bob Palmeri.

The PSAL City Championship Meet was held on the eighth of November. In this meet the Black and Gold made an excellent showing also. Out of fifty schools we finished in eighth place with Bernie Sanders and Lou Howort, the lone scorers.

Place Second in Brooklyn

In the Brooklyn Champs Meet Madison finished second to Brooklyn Automotive. In this event Bernie Sanders placed third, Lou Howort fourth, Captain Danny Jelinski eleventh and Jeff Seide seventeenth.

The club is very happy with its present showings. In the last meet of the season Captain Jelinski improved his best time for the season by over-twenty-five seconds, while Lou Howort improved his by over one minute. With the return of Phil Howort, Ed Scott and Jeff Seide next year, it appears that the two and one-half milers will enjoy another great season.



TUNING UP: Madison's Cross Country team prepares for forthcoming championship contests.

plished with the aid of five of Madison's starting varsity.

The Krinskymen copped the Flatbush Championship by subduing Erasmus, Midwood and Wingate, last year's titleholders.

Clubs' Programs Get Under Way In Anticipation Of Full Schedules

The program of Madison's recently formed clubs is well under way, and their full schedules promise many memorable experiences for all members.

The Philosophy Club, under the leadership of Mr. George Bailin, is planning a trip to the Museum of Modern Art. Mr. Albert Sarney, of Madison's Art Department, lectured to the club on the history of art. The club had a theatre party that went to see the off-Broadway show, "Blood Wedding." The "philosophers" plan many outings, theatre parties, and meetings during which the members will read original poems and stories.

Visiting elementary and junior high schools is the present activity of the members of the Future Teachers Club. The club members are presently obtaining permission from principals to visit several public schools. Mr. Richard Chernick is the club's faculty adviser.

Theatre Club

The Theatre Club under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Vide, has formed two workshops: The Actors and Directors Workshop, and the Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop. Actors and Directors Workshop meets on Mondays and Wednesdays during the third period (for PM students) and the PM official and ninth periods (for AM members). The meetings of the Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop are held on Tuesdays, also during the third, PM official, and ninth periods. Every Friday there is a meeting of all factions of the club.

The Theatre Club is organizing a theatre party to see "Oedipus Rex." An exhibition for the halls of Madison is being planned by the Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop of the Theatre Club.

School Spirit Groups Accept Applications

This semester, three of Madison's spirit organizations, namely Boosters, Cheerleaders and Twirlers, will hold tryouts for the admittance of new members. Go-Getters are not accepting any new applicants this term.

Booster tryouts will take place after Thanksgiving, and only juniors will be considered for admittance. Mrs. Barbara Schneider has replaced Miss Elizabeth E. Horne as faculty adviser to Boosters.

Cheerleaders have already held their interviews which were open to all sophomore and junior girls. At the tryouts the girls were taught the motions for several cheers, and then were required to display how adept they were at cheering. Cheerleaders must attend all football and basketball games. Their faculty adviser is Miss Adele Tebbe.

The Twirlers' initial interview will be held early in December. At this meeting, the girls will be taught how to manipulate their batons.

Math Team Is Set For Meets

Mr. Murray Navon has become the new Math Team coach, replacing the late Mr. Avner Mendelsohn in this capacity.

The Math Team, which meets every day during the eighth period, is headed by captain Stuart Nagler and co-captain George Glaubiger. The official team is the Senior League, made up of: Steve Drogin, Paul Feder, Robert Goldenberg, Martin Itzkowitz, Phyllis Kravet, Alan Miller, Robert Pollet, David Rubin, Steve Seide, Mike Shub, Robert Stern, Stanley Tenen, and Ben Weinstein.

Eighteen new members have been chosen this year for the junior team. They are: Evelyn Berkman, Michael Bernstein, Robert Cherry, Judy Coven, Gerald DiLauro, Paul Eklof, Richard Fass, Robert Goldwasser, Judy Lazarus, Barry Mittag, Richard Needleman, Robert Putz, Martin Seldman, Daniel Shapiro, Joseph Spindel, Judy Stern, Alan Willen, and Alan Wolfe.

The Math Team will hold its first meet November 21.

College Confab

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in the 80's. All State Colleges, including Teachers Colleges, Harpur, Farmingdale, and Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, require a special entrance examination instead of College Board Examinations.

Mr. Tilley, of the College on Long Island at Oyster Bay, discussed this new State Teachers College. Basically, it is a Liberal Arts College, however, instruction for high school teaching in math and science is offered. Ultimately this college will accommodate 10,000 students.

Mr. Johnson, of C. W. Post College at Greenvale, is expected to visit Madison in the near future. C. W. Post College is a suburban branch of Long Island University.

The College Office urges all students to watch the bulletin board carefully for information regarding future references.

Hebrew Awards

The following are the recipients of the language awards in Hebrew which were presented at Commencement exercises in June 1958.

The Hebrew Culture Council awarded undergraduate Vera Krancer its medal of excellence in the study of Hebrew for four years.

The James Madison High School Medal was presented to Sheila Greene, who graduated last June, for her excellence in the study of Hebrew for three years.

Ada Kaster and Jerrold Levy, both undergraduates, were the recipients of the James Madison High School Certificates in Hebrew study for three years.

Sing

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other Freshman chorus served as a general introduction to the Sing.

Importance of Sing

Speaking to a small group of students before the opening performance of Sing, Mr. Posner said, "Sing is an all-student activity. The advisers take as small a part as possible. In addition, while seemingly competitive, the essence of Sing is co-operative, both within and among the classes. The more experienced Seniors gave willingly their time and effort to aid the lower grades. This," he concluded, "is the real importance of Sing."

The proceeds of Sing will go to the Madison Scholarship Fund.

The judging for Sing is cumulative; each judge gives his own rating, and the class with the highest total is declared the winner. The two basic standards of judging for Sing are theme and performance. Aside from a rating given to the theme itself, each of the following is given an assessment on its relationship to the theme; lyrics this year was won by the Seniors; costuming and backdrop, also won by the Seniors. The Juniors took the prize for dance, while the Sophomores won for skits. These topics are then given a second evaluation based on performance.

YOUR SGO SPEAKS

We are now approaching the midpoint of the school term. The SGO office is buzzing. Dances are being planned, selections and elections are being prepared for, and election platforms are being put into effect. The commissions are already functioning.

Our second social event of the fall season of '58, the Mardi Gras, proved to be a great success. This was achieved through the efforts of the Social Affairs and Publicity Commissioners, the Cabinet, and the various school organizations who operated booths. Financially, enough money was raised to get the adoption of two children under way.

As a climax to six weeks of Sing activities and preparation, a Sing Celebration Ball was held on November 15. A departure from our usual Friday night dances, this ball was held on a Saturday night. The Sing band of each class provided music for the festivities. The Senior class, as winners, played host. They received felt musical notes. Our congratulations to the winners of the tenth annual Sing. The other classes provided splendid entertainment and noteworthy performances.

Did you notice the Sing programs? The pep songs and alma maters were printed in the pamphlet. Compiled and mapped out by Phyllis Roberts and Barbara Fern Yudow, the book-

lets were another added attraction.

Your SGO fills your open dates with entertainment. The Jazz Concert and Dance will fill the auditorium with melody, harmony and rhythm. The concert is planned for Friday evening, December 12, 1958.

Another dance is in the making. Scheduled for December 19, the Raffle Dance will be an innovation on the Madison social calendar. Prizes, music, and fun are in store for those who attend.

An out-dated constitution has restricted the officers of your SGO. At a democratic meeting of the House of Representatives, motions were made and carried out to amend various articles.

Selections are coming up soon. Any SGO member who is interested and who wishes to run for office should watch the bulletin board for notices pertaining to the coming election. When the time comes, exercise your right to vote.

Become acquainted with your SGO Cabinet and House of Representatives. Meetings are open to all who wish to attend. You need not be an officer to be an active member.

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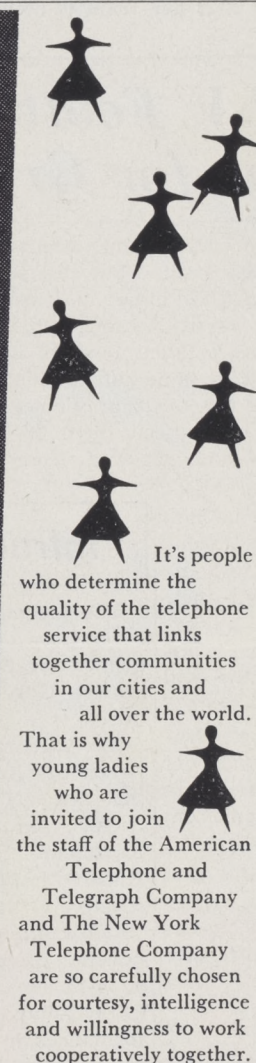
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